

Catholic Services Appeal 2012



Diocese of Reno



“Our Mission...

Moving Forward”



Programs Supported by the Annual CSA



PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY CSA

Following are some of the things that these offices, which receive CSA funds, do for the parish communities in the Diocese of Reno.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHERN NEVADA



St. Vincent's Dining Room – This program serves a nutritious, satisfying meal to 600-650 hungry people 6 days per week. Lunch is served Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. On average, 546 meals are served to men, women and children on a daily basis.

Emergency Assistance – There is an ever-increasing demand from individuals and families for assistance in emergency situations caused by loss of job, family crisis, illness or other personal situations. Services provided include: clothing vouchers, limited rental assistance, short-term family housing, local bus tickets, baby food and diapers, prescription vouchers, work permits, toiletries, assessment and referral to other local service agencies for specialized or additional assistance. United Way and the Washoe County Human Services Consortium provide limited support. No fees are charged for any of these services.

St. Vincent's Food Pantry – The largest food pantry in northern Nevada provides supplemental emergency food supplies and USDA Surplus Commodities to over 25,000 individuals monthly. Non-perishable food items are provided Mondays through Fridays to persons, once per month, who must provide basic identification for themselves and family members at the time of pick up. Perishable food items are distributed on a daily basis when available.

Rural Outreach – Some parishes in the rural areas of the Diocese of Reno need help assisting families during emergency situations. Therefore, some funds given to CCNN are to be used as emergency assistance by rural parishes of the Diocese of Reno. Program services include such things as food, utilities, and short term shelter assistance.

Immigration Program – This program provides assistance with the citizenship process, networking and cooperating with other immigration service providers to offer references for specialized services, increased local awareness of immigration services. The program provides immigration related educational presentations, and was named Best New Immigration Program in 2008 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.).

NEEDY PARISH SUBSIDY

As a diocese we help **those parishes needing special financial assistance**. This fund provides the majority of this much needed assistance until parishes are able to become self-sustaining. Specifically, it helps with subsidies for those parishes which cannot meet their financial obligations. Subsidies may pay for a priest and/or deacon to minister in these areas or for maintenance of church buildings.



COMMUNICATIONS



Northern Nevada Catholic – This allocation provides support to the diocesan newspaper, which is published five times a year and is produced by Custom Publishing a subsidiary of the Reno Gazette Journal. By being published this way, *Northern Nevada Catholic* is able to reach more than 75,000 households throughout Northern Nevada. It is also a great tool for Evangelization as it reaches many who are not attending church or have fallen away from the Catholic Church.

Sunday Television Mass – The television mass is a ministry particularly for those who are ill, elderly or who are unable to attend their parish church regularly. The mass is televised each Sunday on KOLO Channel 8. For many, this is the only opportunity to have contact with the church. The joy and comfort that the Sunday Television Mass brings to these special parishioners is tremendous.



HOSPITAL APOSTOLATE

The allocation helps support a full-time chaplain for Renown Medical Center and the Veterans Hospital for the spiritual needs of our Catholic brothers and sisters.

PRIESTS' PENSION

This allocation provides additional funds for the priests' Pension Plan and augments the existing plan to provide for our retired clergy.



PRIESTS' ASSISTANCE

This fund is available to the Bishop to assist clergy in an emergency. It can cover on-going care, insurance premiums or other expenses in extraordinary circumstances.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

We are all called to
image Christ



Some are called to be
In Persona Christi.

Are you being called?

Vocations – The primary purpose of the vocations office is to foster and support Church vocations with an emphasis on diocesan priesthood. Therefore, this allocation is used for activities supporting the development of vocations in the diocese. An effective vocations development program is the only long-term solution to the critical shortage of clergy within the diocese.

This office is the first point of contact for any person seeking information about priesthood or religious life and it provides information, direction and support to them. Additionally, the office provides support for parish Vocation Teams. It also does the initial screening for seminary candidates and promotes vocations throughout the diocese.

Theologate – The primary purpose of the Theologate Fund is to support seminary education and pre-seminary candidates in their formation for priesthood. In addition to tuition and room and board, it is necessary for us to provide health care coverage for each seminarian. We also offer a stipend for general living expenses per month per student. Finally, there are other costs of books, travel, retreat, and incidentals that occur in the life of a seminarian each year. Thus, the total support per seminarian annually is about \$30,000.



CONTINUING EDUCATION-PRIESTS

The allocation provides limited funds to support the continuing professional education of priests. Specifically, to send priests to Graduate Schools or provide language studies. In general, this money may help to pay for tuition, salaries, medical insurance, room and board as well as other costs while priests are attending school.

PRISON MINISTRY

This fund provides partial funding for purchase of religious materials, travel and stipends to be used in the Nevada State Prisons (Carson City, Lovelock and Elko).



LITURGY COMMISSION



This allocation is used to buy material and supplies for Diocesan-wide liturgical events (ordinations, Chrism Mass etc.) In addition, the executive secretary helps to coordinate Diocesan liturgical events and assists parish liturgical councils as requested. It also provides continuing education in liturgy for Parish Liturgical Committees.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHEDRAL

This allocation is used as the diocesan wide contribution to the earthquake retrofit project of our cathedral.



FAITH FORMATION/PASTORAL SERVICES

The Office of Parish Pastoral Services

- Assists in the administration of *WHY CATHOLIC?* program and the training of the leaders and facilitators.
- Provides planning resources to parishes.
- Assists in parish leadership development.
- Provides resources to parish councils, boards, and committees on decision making, goal setting, communication and management skills.
- Assists with parish RCIA process.



The Office of Catechetical Ministry

- Develops, implements and updates Catechetical policies.
- Oversees and coordinates programs of catechetical formation for all Basic and Master catechists in the diocese.
- Supports parish catechetical programs and parish DRE's.
- Holds monthly meetings with the DRE's to share national news, diverse catechetical processes, discuss programs and provide personal and professional formation.
- Provides for visitation to DRE'S at their parishes annually.
- Provides opportunities for spiritual growth and formation.
- Assists in the development and implementation of Diocesan sacrament policies.
- Maintains website links with various national catechetical organizations.

The Office of Youth Ministry

- Supports youth ministry in parishes and deaneries through networking with leadership, providing communication and resources.
- Meets monthly with the parish Youth Ministers.
- Provides national or diocesan resources for online and in person formation of youth ministry leaders.
- Maintains website links to national youth ministry organizations.
- Organizes annual youth events for the gathering of teens across the Diocese to build community, foster discipleship and develop spirituality.
- Develops regular formational and leadership opportunities for the Diocesan Youth Council.
- Seeks opportunities and means to involve youth ministers in National Youth Ministry gatherings.
- Pursues grant monies to fund youth ministry office activities and formational courses of study for ministers.



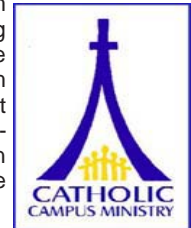
The Office of Adult Faith Formation and Lay Ministry Formation

- Supports those in parish ministry.
- Provides opportunities for spiritual, academic and pastoral growth for adults.
- Administers all aspects of *WHY CATHOLIC? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM* a faith based small community program.
- Works with the Annual Diocesan Conference Committee in planning and hosting the Annual Diocesan Conference.
- Provides and oversees a Lay Ministry formation program to train the laity to minister more effectively in the Church and community. Plans all aspects of the monthly formation classes.
- Oversees a lending library of videos, books and liturgical music resources and provides consultation for media selection and the creative use of resources.
- Maintains a website and provides links to a variety of other faith formation and enrichment opportunities.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

The University Catholic Community of Our Lady of Wisdom Newman Center is a place for college students and young adults to come together in faith and fellowship. Although we are a Roman Catholic ministry, we welcome people from ALL faiths and walks of life! We are located across the street from the Davidson Academy and Argenta dorms on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. Mass is offered on Sundays. Wednesday nights offer Evening Prayer, Taize Prayer or Student Mass, and Reconciliation.



The CSA allocation will help to pay in part for the following:

- Adult formation of students.
- Educations series during the year.
- Retreats.
- Campus Ministry Training.
- Student Leadership Coordinators.
- Assist the Pastor and Pastoral Associate in continuing education programs on Campus Ministry.
- Support the website for Campus Ministry.
- Support general operation of the Catholic Newman Center.
- Support the on-going presence on Campus - 24 hours a day, 7 days week.
- Many various and miscellaneous support services that help with the growth and spirituality of the young adults.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Natural Family Planning – CSA funds play a significant role in providing natural family planning services through the FertilityCare™ Center of Reno in the Diocese of Reno. The funds are primarily used for natural family planning client materials, books, resources, stipends for clients who cannot afford the fees, and administrative offices expenses. Programs are funded that cover natural family planning, chastity, marriage preparation, and Catholic reproductive health care (medical and surgical). Content is appropriate for Confirmation Classes, Engaged Encounters, adult and teen health issues, and other interested groups.



Clients are offered a well researched and effective method for natural family planning services to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy. There is referral for medical/surgical health care for reproductive health issues that support the use of NFP.

Respect Life Commission – The Respect Life Commission (RLC) is a diocesan program under the direction of Bishop Calvo which seeks to increase awareness regarding various life issues. Materials are obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat. Through a parish representative network, the RLC provides information and materials concerning Church teaching about the inherent value and dignity of each human person from conception to natural death. Parishes are requested to develop and maintain active parish respect life committees and have a representative who works in cooperation with the diocesan commission. The RLC, seeks through the guidance and support of Bishop Calvo, to help better educate the faithful on the Church's rich teachings regarding life. Information is shared through a website, various literature, radio broadcasts and speakers, etc. Different issues will be in focus throughout the year.



The RLC organizes and/or cosponsors several activities throughout the year, including the following:

- Presentations by national speakers at the Annual Diocesan Conference and other venues.
- Rosary Procession and Mass celebrated by Bishop Calvo in October for Respect Life Month.
- Choose Life Rally and Life Chain.
- Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Calvo, and the related Respect Life poster contest for Catholic youth.

The RLC is also involved in other events to help build up a culture of life, such as:

- Participating in the peaceful rosary prayer across the street from the abortion facility on first Saturdays.
- Corresponding with state and national legislators (and writing letters to the editor) regarding legislation pertaining to life issues.
- Providing partial funding for members to attend educational conferences.
- Holding meetings with parish representatives to strengthen parish networks, increase participation, share ideas, offer assistance, etc.
- Distributing information to parish representatives for dissemination and action.
- Giving presentations regarding life issues.
- Manning exhibit tables at the Annual Diocesan Conference.
- Submitting articles to the Northern Nevada Catholic.
- Urging parish representatives to promote USCCB's "Word of Life" Liturgy Intercessions and bulletin briefs at their parishes.
- Maintaining the Project Rachel telephone line regarding post-abortion healing.

NEVADA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

This allocation provides input to the Nevada Legislature from the Catholic perspective representing the bishops from both Reno and Las Vegas. This office is the Catholic presence to the Nevada Legislature. The executive Director also represents the Catholic Church in other statewide commissions and organizations. In addition, the executive Director provides information to Nevada's Senate and House members in Washington D.C. on matters of national legislation.



OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT AND CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

Stewardship & Development – This office oversees and manages all new construction and renovation projects in the diocese. It is also responsible for overseeing parish capital campaigns and assists in the procurement of grants to help fund some of the projects.

The office is also responsible for helping to secure grants to support diocesan ministries and Catholic Education. Together with that, it manages a small mission project, “Frontier of the Faith”, which produces five annual newsletters. This fund assists in the support of the mission parishes throughout the diocese via donations and mass stipends.



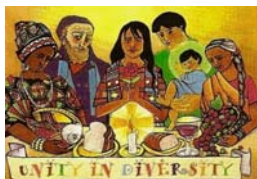
The Office of Stewardship & Development is the first point of contact for any donation and/or grant request.

CSA – This office manages and supports all aspects of the CSA campaign. The allocation finances all CSA operations, including all supplies and materials needed to operate, promote and support the CSA campaign for the current year. It provides pledge cards, posters, the promotional DVD/video, newsletter inserts, as well as administering and processing all pledge redemptions from all the parishes. The program costs for CSA remain at less than 10% of the funds raised, which is under the national average



ETHNIC MINISTRY OFFICE

Ethnic Ministries & Hispanic Young Adult Ministry



Spanish Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation – The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Program is designed to prepare individuals for ministerial roles in their parishes. This is the broadest of all training programs that the Office of Ethnic Ministry offers. It has a broad practical appeal to concentrate on lay people. It provides a general education for ministry, covering a wide range of areas of expertise. The curriculum consists of 28 basic courses and 4 retreats divided into four years.

Certification – At the end of the four years, the students receive a certificate which is recognized by the Diocese of Reno. The Program welcomes all lay persons who have a vocation to serve the Hispanic community.

Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) – This is a one day retreat which has been designed to prepare engaged couples and couples in an existing marriage for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The program is offered four times a year. The office also provides ongoing formation and spiritual enrichment to strengthen the skills of the Pre-Cana Team.

Parish Pastoral Services – At the Parish level the office assists parishes with special requests, such as leadership development, retreats, and planning.

Hispanic Young Adult Ministry – This office provides training for young adult leaders and promotes experiences of faith in the form of retreats, gatherings and workshops.

Pastoral Approach for Quinceañeras – The office has designed and established the guidelines for the quinceañera celebration and a specialization course for this ministry.

Filipino Diocesan Council of Reno-FDCR– The office of Ethnic Ministry works to welcome each of the ethnic communities present in the diocese, serving their pastoral needs, affirming their presence and fostering a sense of belonging to the local church. At the present time this office, in collaboration with the Filipino Diocesan Council of Reno is Striving to accomplish the goals and objectives expressed in their bylaws which were recently approved by Bishop Calvo.

Asian and Pacific Islander– As a result of the first Asian and Pacific Islander Conference, celebrated on October 8, 2011, a connection between the office of Ethnic Ministries and those communities has been established. A Steering committee has been formed to provide support for each other. Accordingly we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all!



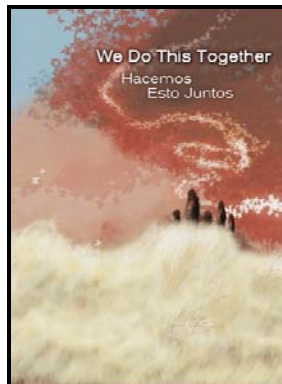
SAFE ENVIRONMENT (PGC)

Implements the USCCB "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

Continues to renew the contract with VIRTUS; the Protecting God's Children™ provider and supplies all materials and guidance for all the programs for which the diocese is contracted. This office schedules awareness sessions in "Protecting God's Children for Adults" in which adults are trained to be aware of signs of child abuse. They learn the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse and the steps to prevent child sexual abuse. It also oversees the "Personal Safety for Children" program which is required for all students in Diocesan Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education programs. In addition, oversees the "Protecting God's Children for Parents" program which is offered to parents or guardians who home school or prefer to teach their children themselves. It then tracks those who have completed the awareness sessions and who have been reading the required training bulletins on-line and mails the bulletins to those who do not have on-line access.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

This Diocesan event welcomes all parishioners of Northern Nevada and neighboring California to a weekend of music, prayer, and spiritual enrichment. Nationally known speakers come to John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks to share valuable insights on a variety of relevant topics for living as a faithful, active Catholic in today's world. This is a multi-ministry opportunity for growth which offers food for thought and continues to nourish all those who attend throughout the year. The Annual Diocesan Conference is usually held in early January.



The success of this diocesan gathering is due to the coordination of many volunteers and the generosity of local donors.

DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Reno serve approximately 1700 students, taught by over 120 educators in five schools. Additional staff members provide support services and assistance to students. Four schools serve students in grades K-8. Bishop Manogue Catholic High School serves approximately 600 students in grades 9-12. All schools are accredited by both the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC).



The mission of the schools in our diocese is to partner with parents to equip young people with a sound education, rooted in the Gospel message in order that they "have the foundation to live morally and uprightly in our complex modern world."

During the 2012-2013 year, CSA funds will support department activities ranging from curriculum development to planning for the future of Catholic Schools in our diocese.

The Diocese of Reno Curriculum Committee has developed curriculum standards for our elementary schools which are based upon Nevada State Standards, national standards in the curricular area, Catholic Social Teaching, and Ethics Across the Curriculum. Content areas that are completed include Language Arts and Mathematics. Science and Social Studies. We are now collaborating with the Diocesan Office of Catechetic on the religion standards. These two departments are also collaborating on the catechetical formation of teachers and administrators in our Catholic schools.

The Diocesan School Board is in its third year of operation. Through an effective committee structure, the Diocesan School Board is fulfilling the goals established by Bishop Calvo and developing strategies to strengthen all our current Catholic schools and prepare for the future of Catholic education in our diocese. The support of CSA is vital to helping the Diocesan School Board in its efforts to keep schools accessible, affordable and available to the Catholic families in our diocese who seek this environment for their children.

The Diocesan Department of Catholic Schools provides ongoing support to all schools for accreditation activities, school improvement and school safety. The Diocese holds a one day teacher retreat for all school staffs each year as well as a day of professional in-service. Funds from CSA benefit all our Catholic Schools and, ultimately, the students who attend these schools, by supporting activities which promote academic excellence and Catholic Identity in all schools.

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